THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. RABHARDWAJ): (a) The Indian Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 1986, passed by the Lok Sabha on 18th November, 1986 and by" the Rajya Sabha on 10th December? 1986 and which was submitted to the President for assent on 19th December, 1986, is the only Bill *to* which the assent of the-President is await-" ed.

'(b) Information is being collected from the Ministries and Departments and will be laid on the Table of. the House.

Prime Minister's meeting wfth Church Au thorities in Kerala daring Us Election Tour

873. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATT MISHRA:

Will the. Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has beeri" drawn the press. reports that while on an election tour ttf Kerala recently, the Prime Minister Held a meeting in Raj Bnavaih with Bishops and other Church authorities in the background of
Christian votes;

(b if so, what ire file facts in this regard and how the Election Commission of India has rsponded thereto; and

(c) the follow-up action taken in *Mi* regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ)r (a) and
(b) Government's attention was drawn to a news item" in a focaf dally* Wherein a reference tad" been made to the meeting between[1] the Prmie Minister arid some Bishops 6f Kerala inuring his electioneering in that State.

The Election Commission forwarded* the news item to the Cabinet Secretariat and asksecl for comments in order to consider the matter further. The clarification received- by the Election Commission from the Cabinet Secretariat show that the. Prime Minister had met a number of people during his visit to Trivandrum, including a delegation of Bishops; however, the Prime Minister had not said or done anything to infringe the Model Code of Con-duct.

(c) Does not arise.

Elections in Haryana

874. SHRI. ATAL BIHARI , VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATT - MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Elec-. tion Commission of India has expressed its unhappiness over the • elections in Har yana not being held in March, 1987 and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is the statutory obligation of the Election 'fcomniission to prepare and keep ready electoral. rolls in-various States; and

(c) the-steps takes-' by Government *to* eliminate occassions of probability of similar unhappiness of the Election Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ):, (a) According to a Press Release dated 4-2-1987, the Election Commission of India was not happy over the difficulties pointed out by the Harysfpa Government for not completing the revision of rolls according to schedule and therefore a further review had to be undertaken. Consequently, #the Commission had to de-link the elections to the Haryana State Legislative Assembly from the elections to the-Legislative Assemblies of the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala and *West* Bengal. The . Commission directed the C. E. O. Haryana , to take remedial measures expeditiously.

(b) While, among other things, the direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for elections to Parliament and the Legislature of every State is vested in the Election Commission, the actual preparation and revision of the rolls has to be done in accordance with the provisions' of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 made thereunder by or through the machinery of the concerned State Government authorities as provided in- the said Act and the rules. It may be mentioned that the revision of the' electoral rolls may be a summary one or an intensive one and, under (he law, the revision . has necessarily to be made on the first day of the year. The processes involved in intensive revision, as was undertaken in the case of Haryana, include those relating to. disposal of claims and objections, as well as the appeals on the decision of such claims/objections. These are quasi-judicial proceedings. These processes, naturally take time since everything would depend upon the volume, number and nature of the claims and objections received.

(c) The Election Commission feels that the difficulties of the type which had arisen in the case of revision of rolls in
. Haryana would be minimised if the re;
. commendations made by it with regard to the preparation, revision, correction and maintenance up-to-date of electoral rolls and the appointment of Chief Electoral officers (which form part of the electoral reforms) are implemented. The Government has agreed to take a view on the proposals *for* electoral reforms in consultation with the political parties.

Italian Collaborations

875. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industries and other collaborations agreed to by }he Govern-. ment of India with Italian firms/concerns with w ich they were connected and their value: and

(b) how much worth of them have been completed/remained to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY " OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM); (a) Government has approved 27 foreign collaboration proposals with Italian firms during the period 1982 to 1986. Out of these, 30 proposals involved foreign equity amounting to Rs. 1518. 60 lakhs.

(b) It generally takes two years or. more for an approval for foreign colla-' boration to reach the otage of production, Follow UP of the approvals and monitor-. ing implementation thereof is the responsibility of the concerned* Administrative Ministries. No centralised information is available in SIA regarding the number of projects completed.

Review of Policy Frame Work of Selected Industries

876.DR.(SHRTMATI) AROJINIMAHISHI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADA. SWAMY:

Will the[N] Minister ' of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government. have made any systematic review of the policy frame work of some selected industries in order to stimulate growth and modernisation as envisaged in the Budget proposals for 1987-88; if so, what are the details of the' industries selected for the purpose; and

(b) the outcome of the review made by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY {SHRI M. ARUNA* CHALAM): <a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The industries selected for the systematic review of the total policy framework are: Cement, Paper, Food